

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT

COUNTRY: Eastern Germany

TOPIC: Military Information from the Wittstock Troop Train 50X1-HUM inds

EVALUATION: [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED: [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT: [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED: [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED: 7 August 1952

REFERENCES: [REDACTED]

PAGES: 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE):

REMARKS:

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1. [REDACTED] trucks were [REDACTED] at the Schweinrich cantonment at the Wittstock (N 54/U 21) troop training grounds, between the camp entrance and the transformer station on 2 July 1952:

Boxes with infantry ammunition were unloaded from a truck convoy [REDACTED]

Truck [REDACTED] without cargo, was part of the convoy. *

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2. On 13 June, 30 trucks, [REDACTED] were on a train at the Pritzwalk railroad station west of Wittstock. Truck [REDACTED] was later seen in traffic between Wittstock and Camp Schweinrich. ** Other motor vehicles observed there [REDACTED]

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3. On 23 June, [REDACTED] one of the tanks that were engaged in driving practice in the area northeast and northwest of Schweinrich on Dranse Lake fell into the lake and submerged due to a defect of the tank's track. At the same time, small-scale exercises were conducted along the western border of the troop training grounds by infantry troops supported by tanks. [REDACTED]

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4. During the week from 2 to 3 June, all troops at the Wittstock training grounds were engaged in night practices. Breakfast was served in the evening, dinner at midnight and supper in the morning. It was said that one-week night practices were to be conducted every month. On 5 June, a forest fire broke out on the tank training site south of the Schweinrich-Zechlin road but it was blocked by the evening of 7 June. [REDACTED] the 50X1-HUM fire was caused by the firing of a new-type tank ammunition. *

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